

SENATE RESOLUTION 155
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the stalwart Senate employees of the 104th General Assembly.

WHEREAS, we wish to specially recognize our Senate staff members, all of whom work long hours, without complaint and often under trying conditions, in service of this Body; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding public servants perform their essential duties splendidly, not for personal gain or glory, but rather for the satisfaction of helping to make Tennessee an even better place to live; and

WHEREAS, much like the venerable postman of days of yore, neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of demanding Senators stays these faithful employees from the swift completion of their appointed duties, and usually many times over; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate would truly be lost without the invaluable services of the following Senate staff members; and

WHEREAS, the diligent employees who serve in Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder's office under the capable leadership of Chief Clerk of the Senate and Chief of Staff Russell Humphrey are: Maxine Roberts, Susie Wilee, Jona Coppola, Ashley Reed, Bill Taliaferro, and Sergeants at Arms, Joe Webb (Chief), Don Keaton, Will Lackey, and Ronnie Townes; and

WHEREAS, the brave and bold members of Senate Leadership staff are: Skip Cauthorn and Tina Hunt (Speaker Pro Tempore Micheal R. Williams); Matt King, Valerie Yancey, and Joyce Pugh (Republican Leader, Senator Ron Ramsey); Rick Nicholson and Anne Rasmussen (Republican Caucus Chair, Senator Randy McNally); Andy Womack, Lauren Gillespie, and Marsha Milan (Democratic Leader, Senator Jim Kyle); Denise Lawrence and Jan Markum (Democratic Caucus Chair, Senator Joe Haynes); Press Secretaries Jesse Hughes (Republican) and Andy Spears (Democratic); and Juanita Rose (Senate Broadcast); and

WHEREAS, the outstanding employees of the Senate Clerk's office, who serve under the astute guidance of Assistant Chief Clerk Alan Whittington, are: Nanette Mitchell, Laura Harris, Cora Patton, and Lynette Walczak; and

WHEREAS, Chief Engrossing Clerk Patrick Merkel is fortunate to have the services of Ethel Farmer and Beverly Williams in his always busy office; and

WHEREAS, the supremely gifted, yet humble, Senate Research Analysts are: Liz Alvey (Transportation Committee); Rosemary Bates (General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee); Loudene Gee (Commerce Committee); Chase Johnson (Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee); Alexanderia Honeycutt (Education Committee); Denise Ragland (Government Operations Committee); Nancy Russell (Finance, Ways and Means Committee); Bob Simms (Judiciary Committee); and Micki Yearwood (State and Local Government Committee); and

WHEREAS, the heart and soul of the Senate is truly its Administrative staff, which includes: Pam Ash (Senator Charlotte Burks); Christina Hupp Barber (Senator Jerry Cooper and Commerce Committee); Alice Bigham (Senator Tim Burchett); Josephine Binkley (Senator Roy Herron and General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee); Judi Butler (Senator Jim Tracy); Wilma Carney (Senator Rusty Crowe and Calendar Committee); Juanita Davidson (Senator Kathryn Bowers); Craig Dulniak (Senator Steve Cohen and State and Local Government Committee); Pat Farmer (Senator Jamie Woodson and Education Committee); Jessa Fahey (Senator Jeff Miller); Brenda Gadd (Senator Tommy Kilby); Gina Gamble (Senator Don McLeary); Pamela George (Senator Rosalind Kurita); Sherri Goforth (Senator Diane Black); Cindy Gore (Senator Ward Crutchfield); Deana Guenther (Senator Raymond Finney); Catherine Haire (Senator Jim Bryson); Shirley Jacobs (Senator Bill Ketron); Glenda Mayes (Senator David Fowler and Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee); Carolyn Newman (Senator Steve Southerland); Debbie Rankin (Senator Curtis Person, Jr., and Judiciary Committee); Betty Richardson (Senator Douglas Henry); Patti Saliba (Senator Mae Beavers); Scott Sloan (Senator Mark Norris and Transportation Committee); Suanne Toonk (Senator Roy Herron); Irene Ward (Senator Douglas Henry and Finance, Ways and Means Committee); Debra Webb (Senator Doug Jackson); and Marilyn White; and

WHEREAS, each of these superlative Senate staffers is essential to the efficient and orderly operation of this Body, and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to express our deep appreciation for the professional services they render so competently and so cheerfully; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend our exemplary Senate employees for the diligent and proficient manner in which they perform their respective duties, their dedication to public service as evidenced by their willingness to work long after normal office hours, and for their unwavering loyalty to the members of this Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each of the above named persons, with this final clause omitted from such copies.